United States Embassy, Dhaka, Bangladesh Message for U.S. Citizens

Dhaka Metropolitan Police Landlord-Tenant Registration

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The Government of Bangladesh has taken steps to pursue extremists and strengthen security in response to a series of violent attacks that have occurred in Bangladesh since September 2015. As part of these measures, the Dhaka Metropolitan Police may request information from Dhaka residents as part of a landlord-tenant registration program. Dhaka Metropolitan Police officers may collect information on Dhaka residents either from their landlords or directly from the tenants themselves. The Dhaka Metropolitan Police registration will be required for anyone with Bangladeshi citizenship (including dual nationals), but is voluntary for foreigners who do not hold Bangladeshi citizenship. Registration for property owners living in their own homes is also voluntary.

U.S. citizens who wish to participate in this program may do so by giving information either to the uniformed Dhaka Metropolitan Police officers who are collecting information door-to-door or by enrolling with the officer-in-charge at their local police station. U.S. citizens may determine the extent of the information they wish to share with the police; those who wish to participate are not required to fill out the police registration form in its entirety.

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